

## Senate Resolution 741

By: Senators Harp of the 29th, Harbison of the 15th and Hooks of the 14th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and recognizing Dr. Frank Douglas Brown; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Douglas Brown graduated from Flomaton High School, in Flomaton,  
3 Alabama, and began his higher education with an associate degree in business administration  
4 and then a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwest Mississippi Junior  
5 College; and

6 WHEREAS, he continued his education by earning a master's in business administration  
7 from the University of Alabama and his doctorate in higher education administration from  
8 Florida State University in 1974; and

9 WHEREAS, upon completing his master's degree, he was employed by the Alabama  
10 Commission on Higher Education in Montgomery, Alabama, where he served as associate  
11 executive director until 1978, when he went to work for the University of Houston,  
12 University Park in Texas, initially as assistant vice chancellor for finance and operations, and  
13 then in 1980, he was appointed interim vice chancellor; and

14 WHEREAS, the following year, Columbus College brought him to Columbus as the young  
15 college's new vice president for business and finance and as associate professor of  
16 management; and

17 WHEREAS, on January 14, 1988, Dr. Brown was appointed as the institution's third  
18 president, and under his leadership, the college became Columbus State University and now  
19 offers more than 50 undergraduate programs and 35 master's or specialist programs; and

20 WHEREAS, this fall, he will lead a staff and faculty of more than 600 and will be the  
21 ultimate caretaker for approximately 7,500 students; and

1 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the T. Y. Whitley Clock Tower was built in the center of  
2 campus, quickly becoming the university's landmark, along with new facilities such as Lenoir  
3 Hall; the Lumpkin Center; the Coca-Cola Space Science Center; the Center for Commerce  
4 and Technology; the Cunningham Center; the Schwob School of Music in the River Center  
5 for the Performing Arts; the Rankin Building; apartment buildings that house almost 1,000  
6 students; a beautiful home in Oxford, England, for study abroad programs; and a spectacular  
7 downtown campus development which includes housing for 350 students in support of  
8 world-class facilities for the departments of art and theatre and the Schwob School of Music;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the academic caliber of the university has grown in that the D. Abbott Turner  
11 College of Business is now among only about 27 percent of business schools in the country  
12 accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; the College of  
13 Education was recently reaccredited by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher  
14 Education; and the nursing, art, theater, music, and counseling programs have all achieved  
15 national accreditation in their disciplines, a mark of clear distinction in academic circles; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has been a tireless volunteer active in numerous civic organizations,  
17 serving on their boards or as an officer; and

18 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Jo Ann, live in Fortson, Georgia, and they have two grown  
19 children, April and Jay, and one grandchild.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 commend Dr. Frank Douglas Brown and recognize him for his outstanding leadership and  
22 service to the community and extend to him their best wishes for continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Frank Douglas Brown.